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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Karel F. A. A. Smits et al. Examiner: Joseph Machuga
Serial No.: 10/045,850 Group Art Unit: 3762
Filed: 01/09/2002 Docket: P-9499.00
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN
IMPLANTABLE ELONGATED MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, having a three-month statutory period for reply set to expire on January 23, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in advance of the expiration of said period for reply.

Pursuant to the Office Action claims 1-25 are pending in the application, claims 1-7, 13-15, 18-21 and 23-25 stand allowed, claims 8-12, 16, 17 and 22 are rejected.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: